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COVERT CABLE PROCEDURES

REDUCING CABLE TRAFFIC

1. In keeping with the Administration's policy of effecting economies in governmental operational costs wherever possible, Agency personnel are directed to review all cable traffic for the purpose of substantially reducing the CIA cable traffic volume. This reduction is to be accomplished by diverting to pouch facilities all correspondence not requiring the most expeditious handling.

2. The Department of State recently initiated an economy program which requires a 25 percent reduction in the number of cabled messages as well as a

it is imperative that a similar reduction be made in CIA cable traffic. Although economy and security reasons are paramount in requiring such a reduction, the attendant operational efficiency gained by limiting cable facilities to

3. All personnel are directed to review CIA Regulation [] for guidance in implementing this Agency's cable reduction program. The Assistant Director for Communications has been directed to maintain records on the progress of the Agency's cable reduction effort in order to determine if the voluntary screening plan indicated herein is adequate to achieve the desired 25 percent reduction.

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Cable Branch Report - April 1953

A. Summary of interesting information.

1. Upon request of OGI, a study was prepared for the period of September 1952 thru March 1953, covering Department of State telegrams and airgrams which were not on original distribution to CIA and were requested and received; and those State telegrams and airgrams which were requested and distribution denied by the Department of State.



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3. The Chief, Cable Branch met with members of the Special Support Staff, OGI, to clarify and define certain special cable requirements for OGI.

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Cable Branch Report - September 1953

A. Summary of interesting information.

1. The Cable Branch coordinated with the Operations Staff, OCD, and the Special Support Staff, OCI, in preparing instructions for the CIA Watch Officer re Department of State cables. Under an arrangement with the Department of State, the CIA Watch Officer is now making pick-ups of cables at 2000 and 0200, and in certain cases, when the State Duty Officer informs the CIA Watch Officer that he has "night action" cables. These cables are delivered to the Cable Branch each morning at 0700 for immediate processing on an agency-wide basis.

This new operation give CIA twenty-four hour cable coverage from the Department of State.

2. As of 22 September, the Cable Branch is now the single point of receipt for sensitive material emanating from the Policy Reports Staff of the Department of State. The [] has been consolidated with the [] thus providing a single control point within CIA for the dissemination and record of that type of material.

3. The Cable Branch is providing support for OCI and RCM/OIS in the form of certain records re cables received each day by the Cable Branch. Carbon copies of TS logs are provided to OCI, while carbon copies of all logs are provided to RCM/OIS. This procedure eliminates the duplication and effort in preparing cable logs in OCI and RCM/OIS, thus providing efficient and expeditious handling of cables by these two Offices.

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